

House Bill 1468

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
2 provisions relative to agriculture, so as to provide that vermiculture shall be considered a
3 branch of the agricultural industry; to define a term; to provide legislative findings and
4 declarations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions
8 relative to agriculture, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "2-1-6.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'vermiculture' means the raising of animals
11 belonging to the order Oligochaeta, class Chaetopoda, phylum Annelida.

12 (b) The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that vermiculture in this state is a
13 growing industry and that use of vermiculture and vermiculture by-products for the
14 commercial purpose of producing agricultural commodities should be encouraged.

15 (c) Vermiculture and the processing, packaging, sale, and use of its by-products shall be
16 considered a branch of the agricultural industry, and the animals produced by vermiculture
17 shall be considered agricultural crops."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.